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FOR TONY DALSIMER TO DELIVER TO BRIAN ATWOOD AT AIRPORT

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TAGS: PREL, AF, EAID, FR
SUBJECT: RWANDA: AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD'S MEETINGS
WITH GOF OFFICIALS

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2. FOR HIS JULY 20 MEETINGS WITH QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL
DEFOURCQ, QUAI DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS JEAN-MARC DE
LA SABLIERE AND WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF
COOPERATION, AID ADMINISTRATOR ATWOOD MAY DRAW ON THE

FOLLOWING BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND TALKING POINTS.

3. BACKGROUND. THE FRENCH FEEL THEY ARE BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. THEY WENT IN TO UNCLASSIFIED
STOP THE KILLINGS BUT NOW FIND THEMSELVES FACED WITH A
HUMANITARIAN DISASTER OF HORRENDOUS PROPORTIONS. THEY
WANT TO SEE THE UNAMIR IN PLACE IN SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
WOULD LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO ASSUME A MORE ACTIVE ROLE
IN MANAGING THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF THE RWANDAN
CRISIS, BOTH DIPLOMATICALLY AND LOGISTICALLY, AS WELL AS
IN PROMOTING POLITICAL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS
RWANDAN PARTIES. BASED ON YOUR RECENT VISIT TO THE AREA,
THEY WILL WANT YOUR FIRST-HAND ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION
ON THE GROUND AND WILL PRESS FOR INCREASED AND RAPID USG
DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

4. BACKGROUND CONTINUED: AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, YOU
SHOULD APPLAUD FRANCE'S OPERATION TURQUOISE. THE GOF HAS
BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S FAILURE
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TO LEND CONCRETE SUPPORT FOR OPERATION TURQUOISE. THE
FRENCH TWICE ASKED US ON SHORT NOTICE FOR AIRLIFT SUPPORT;
WE WERE UNABLE TO RESPOND IN TIME BUT ARE WORKING OUT
PROCEDURES FOR A QUICKER TURN-AROUND. YOU SHOULD ASSURE
THE FRENCH THAT WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MEET
THEIR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE. WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH
THE UN TO EXPEDITE DEPLOYMENT OF AN EXPANDED UNAMIR -- A
MAJOR PRIORITY FOR THE FRENCH, WHO WANT TO WRAP UP THEIR
RWANDA INTERVENTION THIS MONTH. YOU MAY WISH TO REASSURE
THE FRENCH ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT. (OPERATION TURQUOISE
COULD REDUCE CHANCES FOR A LARGE FRENCH DEPLOYMENT TO A
RECONFIGURED UN FORCE IN HAITI (UNMIH) WHICH WE SUPPORT.)
THE GOF IS WORKING TO JAM THE EXTREMIST RADIO BROADCASTS
THAT MAY ORIGINATE IN THEIR SAFE ZONE. YOU SHOULD THANK
YOUR INTERLOCUTORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, AND
EXPRESS HOPE THAT THESE EFFORTS SUCCEED SOON. DELIVERIES
OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF WOULD BE FACILITATED IF THE GOF HAD
FULL CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT IN GOMA. WE DO NOT KNOW THE
GOF POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, AND SUGGEST THAT YOU ASK YOUR
INTERLOCUTORS. WE HAVE ASKED THE GOF TO DETAIN WAR
CRIMINALS THAT COME UNDER ITS CONTROL. WE HAVE RECEIVED
CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THEIR PLANS. SOME GOF OFFICIALS
HAVE CLAIMED THAT A UNSC RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DETENTION
IS NECESSARY, BUT OTHERS HAVE BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT

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SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS FOUND IN THE CAMPS WILL BE
DETAINED. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TELL THE GOF THAT WE DO NOT
THINK THAT THEY NEED A UNSC RESOLUTION AND URGE THEM TO
BEGIN DETENTIONS IMMEDIATELY. YOU CAN REASSURE THEM,
HOWEVER, THAT WE INTEND TO WORK WITH THE GOF TO OBTAIN
PASSAGE OF A UNSC RESOLUTION.

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5. BACKGROUND CONTINUED: SINCE APRIL 1994, THE USG HAS
PROVIDED ABOUT USD 97 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AID (FROM
ALL AGENCIES) FOR THE RWANDA/BURUNDI REGION. ON JULY 17,
PRESIDENT CLINTON AUTHORIZED THE USE OF AN ADDITIONAL 19
MILLION DOLLARS (FROM EMRA FUNDS) TO MEET THE URGENT NEEDS
CREATED BY THE RWANDA CRISIS IN THE COMING DAYS, DOD
EXPECTS TO PROVIDE ABOUT 80 AIRLIFTS ON BEHALF OF ICRC,
UNHCR AND WFP. DOD HAS ALREADY CARRIED OUT OVER 100
HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFTS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES SINCE THE START
OF THE CRISIS. AIRLIFT SUPPORT THROUGH JULY 18 IS VALUED
AT NEARLY 7 MILLION DOLLARS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS

CONTRIBUTED 34.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR USE BY UNHCR, THE
WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, THE ICRC AND THE IRC TO SUPPORT THEIR
ASSISTANCE FOR EARLIER WAVES OF REFUGEES.

5. TALKING POINTS.

-- EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR OPERATION TURQUOISE AND APPLAUD THE
CONTRIBUTION THE GOF HAS MADE TO STOPPING THE KILLING.

(IF ASKED) NOTE THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO REVIEW
FAVORABLY GOF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND STRESS
THAT THESE REQUESTS BE MADE WITH AS MUCH NOTICE AS
POSSIBLE AND THROUGH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO PERMIT
US TO RESPOND IN A TIMELY FASHION.

-- IN DISCUSSING WAYS TO OBTAIN QUICK INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED UNAMIR, NOTE THAT WE ARE COMMITTED
TO THE EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF AN EXPANDED UNAMIR AND HAVE
MADE MANY APPROACHES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR

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SUPPORT.

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-- NOTE OUR DELIVERY OF 50 APC'S FOR UNAMIR'S USE AND ARE COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING THE GHANAIS.

-- NOTE THAT THE RPF'S APPARENT VICTORY AND CONTROL OF MOST OF THE COUNTRY MAY HAVE OBIATED THE NEED FOR HEAVY SECURITY EQUIPMENT. UNAMIR MAY BE ABLE TO USE LIGHT INFANTRY, INSTEAD. THIS SHOULD GREATLY SPEED DEPLOYMENT.

-- IN THIS REGARD, IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS AS WELL AS TO CALMING THE SITUATION THAT EXTREMIST RADIO BROADCASTS BE STOPPED. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE.

-- THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST WORK TOGETHER TO BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR WAR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

-- WE WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THE GOF ON THE MECHANICS OF INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION IN THE UNSC THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE DETENTION OF SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS. HOWEVER, WE THINK THAT YOU DO NOT NEED THIS RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO DETAIN THOSE IN YOUR AREA OF OPERATION SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING SUCH CRIMES.

-- GOF DETENTION OF SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS WOULD ALSO HELP ALLAY RPF SUSPICIONS THAT THE GOF IS USING ITS ZONE TO HARBOR CRIMINALS AND WOULD ALSO HELP REMOVE ANY

POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION FOR AN RPF ADVANCE INTO THE GOF
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ZONE TO ARREST THEM. TALBOTT

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